[English]

Import of Liquified Natural Gas

*250. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :
SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation and Indian Oil Corporation and Gas Authority of India are planning to set up a project to import liquified natural gas for the power sector;

(b) if so, whether any concrete efforts by the Ministry in this regard have been worked out; and

(c) if so, to what extent imports of liquid natural gas are likely to be made available during 1997?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Probable locations for the LNG import terminals have been identified by GAIL. GAIL has received bids for the feasibility study for the terminals and also for LNG supplies.

(c) Creation of facilities for the import of LNG may take 4-5 years. No LNG may be imported during 1997.

[Translation]

Funds for RFPIs

*251. SHRI D.P. YADAV : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) the criteria laid down for extending financial assistance for rural food processing industries;

(b) the total funds sanctioned during the last three years for the rural food processing industries in the rural areas of Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) the funds likely to be allocated during 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY) : (a) The developmental Plan Schemes, operated by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, aim at the overall development of food processing industries in the whole country including rural areas. These are project specific and not State or area specific. However, one of the schemes envisages financial assistance for setting up of Food Procesing and Training Centres (FPTCs) in rural areas. The quantum of assistance is limited to Rs. 2-7.5 lakhs for purchase of Plant and Machinery, and Rs. 1-2 lakhs as seed capital for single on multi-product lines respectively. In addition, assistance upto Rs. 50,000/-, subject to actuals, is also provided per Food Processing and Training Centres for the training of the trainers at Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysore or such other Institute approved by the Ministry.

(b) An amount of Rs. 62.84 lakhs for setting up 18 Food Processing and Training Centres in rural areas has been provided in respect of proposals received from the State of Uttar Pradesh during the last three years (1993-94 to 1995-96).

(c) An Annual Plan outlay of Rs. 60.00 crores is provided for 1997-98 for the Schemes of the Ministry covering different sectors such as Grain-Processing, Horticulture based industries, Meat and Poultry Processing, Fisheries, Milk based Industries etc.

[English]

Natural Gas

*252. SHRI GORDHANBHAI JAVIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Natural Gas is flared up in large quantity in Gujarat;

(b) the quantity of Natural Gas flared up everyday in the State;

(c) the total cost of the Natural Gas flared up, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government propose to divert this Natural Gas for industrial and domestic use; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) 0.92 MMSCMD of gas is currently being flared in Gujarat.

(c) The Statewise cost of currently flared gas per day is as below :

	(Rs./Lakhs)
Gujarat	13.8
Assam	9.6
Arunachal Pradesh	1.5
Tamil Nadu	2.3
Western Offshore	28.0

(d) and (e) ONGC and OIL are setting up the required transportation and compression facilities to reduce the flaring to technically minimum levels.

LPG Cylinder

*253. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have accepted